

St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Monroeville
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Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Tropar of the Resurrection - Tone 4

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!”

Tropar of the Midfeast - Tone 8

In the middle of the feast, O Savior, fill my thirsting soul with the waters of piety, as Thou didst cry to all: “If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink!” O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!

Tropar of the Translation of the Relics of St. Nicholas – Tone 4

The day of the joyous celebration has come; the city of Bari rejoices and with it the whole universe leaps from joy, singing the spiritual songs and psalms. For today, the holy feast, on the occasion of the transfer of the honorable and exceedingly healing relics of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, has shone forth with the radiant rays, like the sun that does not set, driving away the darkness of temptations and calamities from those who faithfully exclaim to thee: “Save us, as our protector, O great Nicholas!”

Kondak of the Translation of the St. Nicholas – Tone 3

Your relics, O Saint Nicholas, came out as a star from the east to the west. The sea was sanctified by your journey, and the city of Bari, through you, has received the grace. For working for us, you have appeared as an excellent, wonderful and merciful Wonderworker.

Kondak of the Midfeast - Tone 4

Christ God, the Creator and Master of all, cried to all in the midst of the feast of the Law: “Come and draw the water of immortality!” We fall before Thee and faithfully cry: “Grant us Thy mercies, for Thou art the Fountain of our life!”

Kondak of the Samaritan Woman - Tone 3

The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith; she saw Thee, the Water of wisdom and drank abundantly. She inherited the Kingdom on high, and is ever glorified!

Alleluia Verses

v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! (*Ps. 44:3b*)

v. For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity. (*Ps. 44:6*)

Hymn to the Mother of God (Instead of It is Truly Right)

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace: “Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: ‘Rejoice, your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead.’” Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exult now, and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son!

Epistle - Acts 11:19-26, 29-30

Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Gospel - John 4:5-42

So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He." And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why are You talking with her?" The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" Then they went out of the city and came to Him. In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors." And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His own word. Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed [a]the Christ, the Savior of the world."

Additional Petitions for Mercy and Help during the Covid-19 Pandemic

For our salvation during the time of this pandemic; for protection and deliverance from the Coronavirus; for the health and recovery of those suffering from this virus; and for the guidance of physicians and those who minister to the afflicted, let us pray to the Lord.

Eternal Lord, God Almighty, in Your ineffable goodness and love for humankind, look upon us who have gathered in Your Holy Name and those who could not be present; be our constant helper and defender at the time of this pandemic and hear our prayer offered with contrition of heart: Compassionate Lord, save, protect and deliver us from the impending threat of the Coronavirus; grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus; and guide the hands of physicians and preserve those who minister to the afflicted, let us all say with all our heart and mind Lord have mercy.

Donations

Thank you, beloved parishioners, for your continued love and support during the pandemic!

If you have any questions on how to become an EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) Donor, please contact Jovi Jovanovich at jovanovich23@yahoo.com or visit our webpage at www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/onlinecontribution to safely and securely make an electronic donation.

Announcements

- **Memory Eternal!** - A Parastos will be held for Proto Malich this coming Sunday, May 30, 2021. Afterwards, the Malich Family welcomes everyone down to the Social Hall for cake and coffee. Additionally, a lunch will be available (cost is by donation).
- **Grave Blessings** - Fr. Stefan will be having Memorial Day Services at Grandview Cemetery on Monday, May 31st, at 9:00AM. Grave blessings will follow the service. Fr. Stefan will be in Export to bless graves around 2:00PM on the same day.
- **Save The Date! - 50th Anniversary Celebration - Labor Day Weekend** - *See flyer for details*
- **1 Good Deed Done...49 More To Go!** - See flyer for details.
- **Maintenance Group Yard Sale** - The Maintenance Group is planning to host a Yard Sale/Flea Market in the near future. They are asking parishioners to list items that have re-sale value which can be donated for the sale. Items not being taken include, old appliances, bulky furniture, and adult clothing. Please search your garages and basements for unused items! Prepare a list and contact Denny Zdrale at 412-417-3167 with any/all questions.
- **Thank you!** - Thank you to everyone who helped in some way to make the Slava stuffed cabbage dinner take-out successful. Without the efforts of those who helped, it could not have been accomplished! HVALA!
- **Service Schedule** - Please check our website calendar for the service schedule:
<https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/service-schedule/>

Our 50th Anniversary Celebration!

What does 2110 Haymaker Road mean to you? Is it the place where you or your kids grew up or maybe where you were baptized, got married or converted to the Orthodox faith? Is it the place where every Sunday you lit a candle and listened to the Gospel or where you met friends that have lasted a life time? Could it be the place where you were involved in an organization and spent countless hours working for the betterment of your church? Is it the place where you learned about your Orthodox faith, how to be an altar boy, to dance a kolo, or to sing a song? Our church means so many of these things and so much more to all of us!

Please join us for our 50th Anniversary of being on Haymaker Road this coming Labor Day weekend! We are in the beginning stages of planning a wonderful weekend for all of us to enjoy. Events are being planned for both Saturday, September 4th and Sunday, September 5th. More details about our celebration will be coming shortly.

Just like our church was not built on the backs of just a few, this weekend event is going to take the efforts of all of us! If you are interested in helping, please contact me and I promise that I will find a job for you. Together, we can create a weekend full of love and laughter and create memories that will last a lifetime!

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SAVE THE DATE!

Labor Day Weekend:

September 4-5th

1 GOOD DEED DONE...

49 MORE TO GO!

Our St. Nicholas parish has been blessed for the past 50 years and it is time for us to show our appreciation by giving back. In honor of our church's upcoming 50th anniversary of being on Haymaker Road, it is our goal to complete 50 good deeds during our 50th anniversary year!

Our first good deed was completed this past Saturday! In preparation for Memorial Day, several parishioners worked to scrub, wash and clean every tombstone in the Serbian section of Grandview Cemetery. Unfortunately, many of our departed church members no longer have family to care for their graves. These volunteers made sure that all those buried there are not forgotten and that their memory is eternal.

If you have ideas for more good deeds, please let us know. You can contact Alexis Janiga at djaniga872@comcast.net to share your ideas. This is a wonderful way to work with your church family while providing help and service to those who need it. Plus, there is no better feeling than when you lend a helping hand!

“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”
Hebrews 13:16